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Black History Month — Celebrating the Achievements of African Americans

City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County employees are joining together to celebrate Black History Month. Our theme is "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Preparing for the Future."

Everyone is invited to these special events. Both will be held in the basement of City Hall.

Thu., Feb. 13th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

• **Proclamations** by City and County officials

• **Keynote speech** by Lester Collins, Council on Black Minnesotans

• **Entertainment** by a variety of artists including dance, singing, theatre

• **Lunch** (Jambalaya and Jamaican Patties) by West Indies Soul Cafe

• **Marketplace** featuring handicrafts from local artists

Fri., Feb. 21st, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In observance of Black History Month and Celebrating African American Achievement, Saint Paul Public Library is hosting a special brown bag lunch discussion of the book, "The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963" by Christopher Paul Curtis.

This is the book selected by Mayor Kelly and Schools Superintendent Pat Harvey for the Saint Paul Reads One Book citywide book club.

The discussion will be led by former State Law Librarian Marvin R. Anderson with assistance from Saint Paul Public Library staff Pat Gerlach and others.

The discussion will be on Friday, the 21st, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in room 40,

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Volunteer now for spring clean-up

Volunteers are needed now for the Spring Parks Clean-Up on April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the past 17 years of the Spring-Park Clean Up, tens of thousands of volunteers have helped remove litter from public areas throughout Saint Paul.

Each year volunteers like those shown at right bag tons of trash in Saint Paul's parks and natural areas. Thousands

participate to help the environment remain a clean, healthy, beautiful place.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate at local parks and recreation

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on the lower level of the City Hall and Courthouse.

Door prizes such as book bags, t-shirts, and gift certificates will be awarded.

The discussion will include some of those themes while also bringing up other comparable books.

The discussion is open to the public and is free of charge. Reading the book beforehand is not necessary but it is encouraged. Copies of "The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963" are available at your local library or any Saint Paul bookstore. Please feel free to bring your lunch and eat it during the session. Call Steve Nelson at 651-266-7029 for more info.

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centers in Saint Paul. The City provides supplies, trash removal, and recycling, while the volunteers provide the force to make this event happen. Families, groups, and individuals are encouraged to participate in this great event!

Parks, parkways, or recreation centers located in Saint Paul all need to be cleaned. Individuals and groups may choose a park to clean or Park staff can suggest a park in need of spring cleaning.

To participate, call Jennifer at 651-266-6458 for more information or to register and receive directions. Trash bags are provided. Volunteers should bring their own gloves.



CCCU Celebrates 75 years

In 1928, a group of City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County employees came up with the great idea to start their own credit union. In 2003, your credit union is still serving City and County employees and 44,000 other members.

You can "Tune-In" to the benefits of membership during the 75th and win great prizes. First Prize is a four-in-one entertainment center (AM/FM radio, CD Player, tape deck, and turn table). Second Prize is an AM/FM radio, CD Player, and clock radio, and Third Prize is an AM/FM radio and CD Player with remote control. Three portable CD players and twelve \$25 gift certificates will also be given away. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so by picking up a form at any CCCU location, or call the TeleCenter at 651-225-2700 or 1-800-223-2801 to have one sent to you.

On March 6th, an open house will be held at each CCCU location. Stop in for refreshments, a free gift, and additional prize drawings!

City & County thanks you and all its members for 75 wonderful years!

Fight Winter Skin Woes

As the temperature and humidity drop, cases of itchy skin associated with winter weather rise. The American Academy of Dermatology, Schaumburg, Illinois, offers these suggestions to combat winter skin:

- Wash your face with lukewarm—not hot—water, using a mild facial soap.
- Keep using sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 during the winter months. Skin damage doesn't just occur during the summer—snow reflects UV light, so you're still at risk.
- Apply moisturizers to skin immediately after a bath or shower while your skin is still wet. After washing your hands, immediately put on hand cream to seal in moisture.
- Protect against chapped lips with lip balm.

City band has formed

In December the City formed a small band, and is now proud to announce that it has not only formed, but has had a few rehearsals and a performance already! Currently, the band has about 15 people.

This is an invitation for all City employees who have played a band instrument to dust off that instrument and come join us. Band director Max Metzger is eager to see the band grow and has many musical ideas in mind. The next rehearsal is on Mon.,

Feb. 10th, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., in the 15th floor auditorium of City Hall Annex. Upcoming rehearsals are being rescheduled for late afternoon, and away from Downtown. For more information, call Mary Livingston at 651-266-6366.

City job openings as of February 7th, 2003

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Civil Engineer III	\$1,971.86 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
02/07/03	Fire Chief	\$85,862.00 yearly	See Job Ann
02/18/03	IS Systems Consultant IV	\$2,307.33 bi-weekly	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after January 30th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.

On January 16th, 2003, Mayor Randy Kelly announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul until further notice. This applies to all positions within the City, but excludes the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and RiverCentre. Certain positions may be determined exempt from the hiring freeze; please continue to check our jobline and website to see if there are any new postings in which you might be interested.